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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 30, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend W. Douglas Tanner, Jr., Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, we come before You this day with hearts still heavy from the tragic events of last Friday. Even as we begin to heal, we are conscious that the pain of this week has been seared into our souls.

And yet, in our sorrow and vulnerability, we have deeply experienced our common humanity. Fierce political adversaries have reached out to each other. Mutual respect and genuine appreciation have been accorded across the lines of party, ideology and station. We have known in our hearts that every elected official, every police person, every staff member, every tourist is, first, a fellow human being. For that we are grateful.

We pray that a constant awareness of each other's humanity in this often fractious Capitol Hill community might become the lasting legacy of officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3152. An act to provide that certain volunteers at private nonprofit food banks are not employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

The message also announced that the Senate passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 97. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1260) "An Act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. DODD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain five 1-minutes from each side.

### RESPONSIBLE GAMING EDUCATION WEEK, AUGUST 3 TO AUGUST 7

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress, we should always be encouraged when the private sector tackles one of the social problems facing our Nation. Such is the case with the Nation's gaming industry. However, a vast majority of Americans who choose to gamble do so responsibly.

In an effort to emphasize the casino gaming entertainment industry's commitment to responsible gaming, the American Gaming Association, along with International Gaming Technology, a company headquartered in my district, has designated August 3 through August 7 as Responsible Gaming Education Week. This campaign was designed to raise the awareness of disordered gaming and to educate casino employees and customers about the importance of responsible gaming.

During this week, all casino employees will be asked to actively promote responsible gaming practices within their companies. As part of this effort, over 200,000 educational brochures on disordered gambling and the importance of responsible gaming will be provided to casino employees across America.

### THE QUESTIONABLE VALUE OF NEW GOVERNMENT STUDIES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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